

**CHERRYBROOK TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL Minutes of P&C General
Meeting Tuesday 30/7/19
Attendance as per the book
Meeting started – 7.30pm**

Apologies – Stephen and Helen

Meeting Minutes were proposed by Erin and Neelam

Special guest – Miriam Lees and Josephine Lacona (head teachers) from the Mathematics department presented academic achievements for 2018. They ran through the extra curriculum programs that are run at Cherrybrook; mathematics challenge, Olympiad, Maths Clinic, Maths PASS, competitions etc. New course for Year 12 General Maths is now called Standard Maths. We discussed the changes with the new maths syllabus and assessments, as well as discussing the new HSC for 2019. Online program - Mathspace replaced Mathletics, which is much better platform, as it shows the student's working. It was wonderful to hear about the Professional Learning that the Mathematics department is taking on. We thank both Miriam and Josephine for their time and appreciate their expertise in this area.

Our next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd September at 7.30pm in the staff common room. Careers adviser's will come and speak and will be presenting to the school community....everyone welcome!

Principal's report

Curriculum and Administration

- The visit by the Papua New Guinea PM, The Hon James Marape, his wife and the 10 ministers and governors who accompanied him was a great success. Our students were magnificent, chairing, guiding and adding to the event in every way possible. My thanks to Tim Spencer for representing the P&C on this important occasion.
- The annual executive planning conference will take place on the weekend of 16 / 17 August. The program will include sessions on using data for improving teaching and learning, review of the past 12 months, calendar planning, best practice in KLAs and CANVAS – next steps. The executive will also be evaluating our progress on the school plan. This weekend is most important in the planning cycle.
- Staff Development day and additional staff development afternoon have been a great success
- New Staff in Term 3. Joe Walsh, STLA and Ronald Li in Mathematics. Both gentlemen have settled in well and I expect will make a very positive contribution to the school.
- Decisions on staffing and timetables for 2020 will need to be made in the near future as student subject selections are completed and evaluated.
- The Leaders' induction assembly will take place this Friday. A most important occasion for both our outgoing and incoming student leaders.
- Students have performed very well in the Sydney north Athletics. Quite a number will progress to the CHS carnival.
- Year 12 parents will soon receive the, "Big Letter" with all details of Year 12s final days including costing and monies owed. Please read this carefully and complete all the appropriate attachments.
- Italian trip / Ski trip during the vacation were great successes.

Welfare

- AP4s commencing next week – and practical HSC exams in the near future. Consequently, we have some very nervous Year 12 at present. Staff are doing their absolute best to support students and keep them on track.

Important dates

- Year 12 Dance performance 31 July
- Year 12 Drama performance 20 August
- HSC Visual Arts & Music performance evening 3 September. Further details to follow in Network

Other matters

- At this stage we have offered places to approximately 320 students for Year 7 in 2020. The school has been inundated by appeals from the huge number of students who were ruled ineligible for placement.
- 12 Principals from PNG to visit the school on Tuesday 6 August 1 to 3 PM
- Year 7&8 GATS presentation evening is Tuesday afternoon 6 August
- Steve Loquet, Head of ITD at DoE will visit on Thursday 15 August. Looking closely at CANVAS and talking other innovation.
- Website hits – last week 1195 hits. 691 first time visitors!

Alumni

- The school's Leadership Induction Ceremony is this Friday 2 August and the 2004/2005 Captain Corinna Edwards (now Cook) has volunteered to be the keynote speaker.

Federation report

- Concern of the federal government diverting \$3.5 billion from education and into disaster relief. Funding for public schools is already poor. A further loss of potential funding will only worsen the equity gap and lower education standards across Australia.
- Education Council met in July with the outcome appearing to be an almost universal call for a full review into NAPLAN.
- Department of Education is trialling the new "Use of Digital Devices & Online Services Policy" There are potential issues with the policy but we await the outcome of the trial.
- Despite an initial knockback by federal organisers, the NSW P&C Federation has now been invited to participate at the review of the Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians which was originally signed in 2008.
- The Department of Education is holding a review into the schools staffing methodology which is a complex and frustrating set of formulas controlling the number of staff allocated to schools. The current system needs to be made more flexible and context sensitive.
- The latest trend in student assessment that is likely to supplant NAPLAN is the new National Learning Progressions and associated Online Formative Assessment. Unlike NAPLAN which tests a subset of a student's abilities at four points, two years apart through their school journey, the formative assessment process is flexible and can be given at any time based on a student's progress against the learning progressions.

- The P&C Federation AGM is being held at the end of August with around 30 motions being considered for action in the coming year.

Canteen:

- Painting is complete and shelves are up and looking great.
- A request from the canteen - No fire drills on Thursdays please! Due to sports etc...
- Stocktake for insurance – will be passed over end of the week
- Healthy school – gradual inclusion – effect snacks...lunch orders doubled over the past 2 weeks. P&C member needs to visit/inspect the area where ordered lunches are occurring.
- Serving students outside of recess and lunch – study period years 11 and 12 only have permission.
- Healthy Schools Expo (Rosehill Racecourse - 9am-3pm) – Sub-committee (Sarika, Esha and Sulkashana) can attend on the 20/8/19 -2 tickets. Vicki and Chris will also be attending. Email the subcommittee to see who is available. Sarika – please ensure to convene with the canteen members about any correspondence from Executive and general meetings, Healthy Canteens etc.
- Sarika, please let Michelle Commens and the canteen staff who will be attending this Expo, as tickets will need to be issued, thanks.
- Canteen WHS inspection for term 1 – Michelle is chasing a hard copy of this inspection. Sarika and/or Janice, please table the latest canteen check at our next Executive P&C meeting and hand the 'check' to Michelle. Term 2's inspection will take place on 2/7/19 Term 2. Again, please table this at our next Executive meeting and provide Michelle with a hard copy.
- Sarika/Janice or Helen – Please follow up with Chris from canteen and let her know when she will be attending the First Aid Course.

Treasurer's Report:

P&C ACCOUNT BALANCES as 30/7/19

P&C Accounts	
Main Account	\$ 191,338.75
Grounds Account	\$ 74,300.36
Building Account	\$ 74,818.32
Total	\$ 340,457.43
Canteen Accounts	
Main Account	\$ 90,014.12
Reserve Account	\$ 17,361.33
LSL Reserve Account	\$ 20,086.83
Term Deposit	\$ 105,761.33
Total	\$ 233,223.61

Funding Sub Report:

- Gavin has stepped down from being the fundraiser officer. Fundraising has been put on the backburner for a little while, as our hard work does not pay high dividends back to the school. We will still be selling and making small profits on back packs, laptops and book packs, these are less labour intensive.
- Ball held last term – great night was had by all, students in the band played well – \$3,500-4,000 raised; Figures are not final as yet.

General Business:

Student giving feedback about school and teachers – The process is stage head teacher or KLA Area teacher, before going to Principal.

Meeting closed – 8.55pm

Next meeting – 3/9/19